

The attempt by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) to limit the ability of satellite radio providers to offer localized traffic and weather serves no purpose other than to protect the monopoly of local broadcasters and maintain the status quo of the mediocre services they currently provide. Limiting the options available to consumers is rarely good for the consumers, and discourages innovation. There is a good reason I shell out my hard-earned money for a satellite radio subscription; satellite radio provides a better quality service than most of their land-based competitors.

With few exceptions, restricting the free flow of information is un-American and runs contrary to the spirit, if not the letter, of our Constitution.

I strongly urge the FCC to reject NAB petition 04-160, to permit a wider range of options for consumers.

Sincerely,

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